separate Centres of Excellence under the ambit of National Council of Geo-Scientific and Mineral Research and Training;

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure of not down-sizing and closing of any wing in all the streams of GSI, including scientific, technical, Group C and D employees, they have already been downsized due to imposition of ban on recruitment and superannuation for several years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is conscious of the need to ensure that the Geological Survey of India has adequate complement of staff to carry out its tasks as per its charter of functions, and has taken all action that is necessary in this regard.

Diamond Reserves in Madhya Pradesh

†2962. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether diamond reserves have been found in several districts of Madhya Pradesh like Chattarpur, Satna and Panna;

(b) whether the work of exploring diamonds is in progress in these districts;

(c) the quantity of diamond likely to be get from these districts; and

(d) by whom the work of exploring diamonds is being carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) Diamond reserves have been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

established only in the Panna district of Madhya Pradesh. Exploration for the host rocks for diamond is in progress in Chattarpur district of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The quantity of diamonds likely to be found in these districts cannot be assessed at this stage.

(d) Geological Survey of India is carrying out ground evaluation of aerogeophysical data to locate the source rocks for diamonds in some districts of Madhya Pradesh. M/s Rio Tinto Exploration India Pvt. Ltd. is carrying out exploration for diamond against a prospecting license in Chattarpur district.

Representation of religious minorities in police and para-military forces

2963. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any demand from the National Commission for Minorities for fair representation of religious minorities in the police and para-military forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken thereon and by when that decision would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The National Commission for Minorities has, in some of its Annual Reports, made recommendations regarding the representation of the minority communities in police and para-military forces.